

United States District Court
STATE AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

(01) RYAN RUSSELL LISKOW
(02) DAVID WEST DIXON

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Case Number:

09mj 522 JSM

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about December 28, 2009 in Hennepin County, in the State and District of Minnesota defendant(s), each aiding and abetting the other, did by force violence and intimidation, take from the person and presence of a victim teller approximately \$4,097.00 belonging to and in the care, custody, control and possession of the Franklin Bank located at 2100 Blaisdell Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN, an institution the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,

in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section(s) 2113(a) and 2 .

I further state that I Larry Wesbey, Jr. am a(n) special agent with the FBI and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

Date

12/30/09

The Honorable Janie S. Mayeron
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Name & Title of Judicial Officer

at

St. Paul, MN

City and State

Janie S. Mayeron
Signature of Judicial Officer

Larry Wesbey, Jr.
Signature of Complainant

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss. AFFIDAVIT OF LARRY WESBEY JR.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

I, Larry Wesbey Jr., being first duly sworn under oath,
depose and state as follows:

1. I am employed as a Special Agent ("SA") with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am a member of the Violent Crimes and Major Offender Squad, with duties that include investigating bank robberies.
2. This affidavit is based on my training, experience, personal knowledge and observations in this investigation; upon my discussions with other law enforcement officers and agents directly involved in this investigation; and upon my review of official reports submitted in relation to this investigation.
3. This affidavit is made for the purpose of establishing probable cause in support of a federal arrest warrant and therefore contains only a summary of relevant facts.
4. On December 28, 2009 at approximately 10:15 a.m., the Franklin Bank located at 2100 Blaisdell Avenue South, Minneapolis Minnesota, was robbed by a lone white male. The robber entered the bank, approached the victim teller, and slid a piece of paper under the protective glass of the counter station. The teller took the note from the robber and saw "\$2,000.00" written on it along with some other words that she was unable to read at the time. The note was subsequently recovered from the bank by law enforcement. It read as follows: I don't want to hurt anyone.

Count out \$2,000 into my hand. No dye pack or you'll get hurt. Merry Christmas and New Years." After seeing the note, the teller began counting out money from her teller drawer, at which time the robber quietly and calmly stated, "keep going" repeatedly. The teller became afraid and immediately complied with the robber's demand and took cash from her teller drawer and slid it under the protective glass to the robber. The robber grabbed the cash and exited the bank in an unknown direction.

5. An audit conducted by the bank revealed that the robber got away with \$4,097.00. The robber was described as a white male with a light beard consistent with a 5 o'clock shadow, approximately 30 years old, approximately 6'0" tall, thin build with a pointy nose. He was wearing a white Columbia jacket with an emblem on the upper chest area, a black hat with the word "Hurley" written on it, and black gloves.

6. During the robbery, law enforcement officers were in the area of 22nd Street and Blaisdell Avenue South clearing from an unrelated fight call. Shortly after clearing, law enforcement observed a white male in what appeared to be a light colored winter nylon coat running frantically southbound along Blaisdell Avenue approaching 22nd Street.

7. The suspicious white male was then observed by law enforcement jumping into the passenger side of a light-colored van (MN MCG579). The van was parked approximately one car length West of the stop sign next to the curb and appeared to be

running. There was a black male sitting in the driver's seat. The van then suddenly pulled away from the curb, and without stopping for the stop sign, continued eastbound across the intersection on 22nd Street towards law enforcement.

8. Law enforcement conducted a traffic stop on the white van bearing MN MCG579 for the traffic infraction (running the stop sign) and for the suspicious activity of the white male running frantically to the van. The traffic stop was conducted prior to the broadcast of the bank alarm call.

9. Shortly after the traffic stop, law enforcement approached the van and could not immediately see the white male who had jumped in the van prior to the traffic stop. Law enforcement began giving commands, at which time the white male suddenly popped up from either the back seat area or between the two front seats and sat down in the front passenger seat. At that point, law enforcement opened the driver's side door and observed a large stack of what appeared to be \$20.00 bills sticking out from behind the driver's seat.

10. After locating the money and securing both subjects, dispatch aired that the Franklin Bank located at 2100 Blaisdell Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota had been robbed by a white male wearing a light colored coat and hat. The bank was approximately one half block north and in the direction from where law enforcement first observed the white male running who matched the description of the robber.

11. After removing the two subjects from the van, law enforcement discovered more \$20.00 bills on the passenger seat where the white male had been sitting. The white male was identified as RYAN RUSSELL LISKOW, DOB: 07/20/1979 and the black male was identified as DAVID WEST DIXON, DOB: 03/07/1971. Both subjects were taken into custody, transported to the Hennepin County Jail, and charged with probable cause Bank Robbery for the robbery of the Franklin Bank located at 2100 Blaisdell Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

12. While sitting in a patrol unit and awaiting transport to the Hennepin County Jail, LISKOW made a spontaneous utterance in which he stated, "I did a really bad thing."

13. A state search warrant was obtained and a search of the Chevrolet Astro Van (MN MCG579) was conducted by law enforcement. This vehicle registers to LISKOW. The following items were discovered during the search: US currency - 62 one dollar bills, 99 five dollar bills, 11 ten dollar bills, 169 twenty dollar bills, and 1 fifty dollar bill, for a total of \$4,097.00, which matches the amount taken from the bank during the robbery. Documents bearing Liskow's name also were found in the vehicle.

14. An interview was conducted with LISKOW at the Minneapolis Police Department. After being advised of his rights, LISKOW agreed to speak with law enforcement about his involvement in the robbery of the Franklin Bank. LISKOW admitted committing the bank robbery using a demand note that DIXON wrote using paper

from DIXON'S personal notebook. LISKOW then stated that he got his encouragement to rob the Franklin Bank from DIXON, who agreed to drive the van during the bank robbery.

15. An interview also was conducted with DIXON at the Minneapolis Police Department. DIXON was advised of his rights, and agreed to speak with law enforcement about his involvement in the robbery of the Franklin Bank. DIXON denied any involvement in the bank robbery. DIXON denied writing the demand note, denied acting as the getaway driver and denied any detailed planning of the robbery. However, Dixon admitted that some of his words may have encouraged LISKOW to rob the bank, but denied taking an active part in the planning and execution of the bank robbery.

16. DIXON was also asked about a green, spiral-bound notebook and a blue pen that were found in his possession at the time of his arrest. The demand note appeared to have been taken from DIXON's notebook, as it matched the remaining paper in the notebook. The demand note was written in blue ink. Dixon stated that the notebook was his and claimed he had found the blue pen in the van.

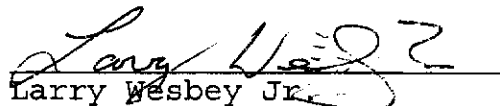
17. DIXON was asked to write the exact words that appeared on the recovered demand note. This handwriting sample was properly inventoried. The handwriting sample and the demand note contained similarities. DIXON's sample was neatly printed, as was the demand note. The letters in the sample were slanted to

the left, as were the letters in the demand note.

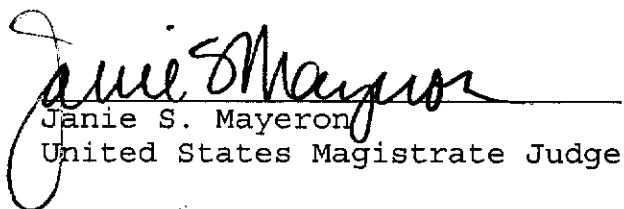
18. At the time of the robbery, the deposits of the Franklin Bank were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

14. Based upon the facts contained in this affidavit, I have probable cause to believe that RYAN RUSSEL LISKOW and DAVID WEST DIXON, aiding and abetting each other, committed the bank robbery that occurred on December 28, 2009 at the Franklin Bank located at 2100 Blaisdell Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113 (a).

Further your Affiant sayeth not.


Larry Wesbey Jr.
Special Agent, FBI

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me
this 28th day of December, 2009


Janie S. Mayeron
United States Magistrate Judge